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# **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT:

CB/NT Supplemental Investigation

FROM:

Keven McDermott, Civil Investigator

TO:

Mike Stoner, Site Manager

On April 12, 1991 your office requested additional information on six PRPs which had failed to respond to 104(e) letters issued in April 1989. Investigation into the current status and whereabouts of the non-responding businesses has been completed. Results of the investigation are furnished below.

# **WRIGHT MARINE TOWING**

On June 13, 1991, Richard E. Wright was interviewed at his home by Robert Athmann and Keven McDermott, ESD Civil Investigators. Wright lives at 2119 78th Street Court East, Tacoma, WA 98404, telephone: 272-6941. Wright said his business, Wright Marine Towing, Inc., has operated for fifteen years. The company is incorporated in the State of Washington. Wright is president of the company, Richard W. Wright is vice president and John C. Wright is secretary. The business is located at 3906 E. 11th Street, Tacoma, WA. The property consists of a pier and small building. There is no fuel storage at the facility. The company operates three tugs and uses the bilge tanks in one of the tugs to store bilge water, which is collected periodically by an oil recycler. There is a 250 gallon tank on the property in which used oil is stored prior to pickup by a recycler.

Wright was given a copy of the 104(e) letter sent to him in 1989. He said the letter looked familiar and thought he had responded to the one in 1989, but wasn't sure. He said he would answer as soon as possible.

Wright had extensive personal knowledge of the Port of Tacoma, and knows the location of many of the discharge points in the waterways. He once took samples of the discharge from numerous outfalls, but his employer at the time, Foss Tug, told him to stop. Wright recalled an incident in which the former tallow plant

discharged detergents into the bay. The detergent washed the oil off the ducks in the water and caused them to sink. On another occasion Foss Tug hauled barges owned by Pacific Australian Lines into the bay for cleaning. Foss workers hosed lead concentrate from the barges into the bay. Wright was concerned over the harm caused to wildlife in the bay by the various discharges, and said he would be glad to provide additional historical information concerning discharges into the bay.

### **COAST IRON AND METAL**

On June 13, 1991, an interview was conducted with Darrell W. Jesse, owner of Jesse Engineering Company, located at 5225 7th Street, Tacoma, WA. In early 1984 Jesse bought the assets of Coast Iron and Metal through the bankruptcy trustee handling the proceedings. He then merged his corporation with the Wallace corporation in Chicago, and formed a section within Jesse Engineering known as the Wallace Coast Division. Jesse emphasized that he did not buy the Coast corporation, but merely purchased some of its assets.

Jesse said he had considered buying the building and property Coast owned on Dock Street in Tacoma, but decided against it when he saw how contaminated it was. He does not know who currently owns the property. A visual inspection of the property shows it to be occupied by the Sea Scouts and a marina. Jesse said he received a 104(e) letter from EPA several years ago concerning Coast Iron and Metal, and responded within the allotted time frame explaining the relationship between Jesse Engineering and Coast Iron and Metal.

#### WESTERN FISH AND OYSTER CO., INC.

Records of the State of Washington Secretary of State, Corporations Division, Olympia, WA disclosed the Western Fish and Oyster Co., Inc. was administratively dissolved on February 21, 1990. The action was taken due to the failure of the corporation to file an annual list of officers and/or license renewal within the time set by law. Copies of the certificate of dissolution and the last annual report for the corporation are appended.

### PEDERSEN OIL, INC.

Records of the State of Washington Secretary of State, Corporations Division, Olympia, WA show Pedersen Oil, Inc. was administratively dissolved on October 26, 1988. The action was taken due to the failure of the corporation to file an annual list of officers and/or license renewal within the time set by law. Copies of the certificate of dissolution and the last annual report for the corporation are appended.

# I. G. INVESTMENTS, INCORPORATED

J.G. Investments, Incorporated was improperly identified as a PRP for the Hylebos Waterway at the CB/NT site and should be removed from the list. The correct PRP is J & G Investments. Confusion apparently arose because of the similarity of names between J. G. Investments, Incorporated and J & G Investments.

J.G. Investments, Incorporated was incorporated in the State of Washington on March 30, 1987, with the stated purpose of operating a restaurant and lounge. The principal place of business is in Woodland, WA. The registered agent for the corporation, Nancy A. Miller, receives mail at 5400 Meeker Drive #21, Kalama, WA 98625. Miller is also an officer in the corporation. Copies of the Articles of Incorporation and the last annual report are appended.

J & G Investments is a partnership which owns property located at 1690 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, WA. J. & G. Investments leases this property to Jones-Goodell Corporation. Originally the partnership was comprised of Les Jones, Donald Jones and Donald Goodell. Since approximately 1987 Donald Goodell has been the only partner in the partnership. J & G Investments exists solely as a property owner and lessor of property to Jones-Goodell Corporation. Records of the Pierce County Assessor show the listed taxpayer for the property located at 1690 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, WA is J & G Investments, which has the same mailing address as the property.

Jones-Goodell Corporation was incorporated in the State of Washington on August 27, 1976. The stated purpose of this corporation is custom yacht building and repair. The president and registered agent of the corporation is Donald Goodell. The Jones-Goodell Corporation operates at 1690 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, WA. Copies of the Articles of Incorporation and the last annual report are appended.

On April 24, 1989, EPA sent correspondence to "J.G. Investments, Inc." at 5400 Meeker Drive #21, Kalama, WA 98625, and received no response. On April 18, 1991, a follow-up letter was sent to "J.G. Investments" at 4812 East 64th Street, Tacoma, WA 98443. This address is the former residence of Donald Goodell. At some point the home address of Donald Goodell was commingled with the name J.G. Investments, Incorporated, resulting in correspondence intended for J.G. Investments Incorporated being sent to Goodell's address. The correspondence should have originally been sent to J & G Investments, 1690 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, WA 98422.

On July 9, 1991, Daniel Goodell of Jones-Goodell Corporation was interviewed telephonically concerning the relationship between J & G Investments and the Jones-Goodell Corporation. Goodell said this relationship had been explained previously in the Jones-Goodell Corporation response to the special notice letter that EPA sent to the company in 1989. Goodell then provided information which is synopsized above.